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SUBJ: GREEK DIVISION FOR CYPRUS

1. AS WE HAD HEARD PREVIOUSLY AND ALREADY REPORTED AVEROFF REPEATED TO ME ON EVENING OF AUGUST 17 THAT A GREEK DIVISION NOW STATIONED IN CRETE AND RHODES IS FULLY PREPARED TO MOVE TO CYPRUS. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE DIVISION FULLY PREPARED TO MOVE, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. AVEROFF SAID BRITISH HAD REFUSED AIR COVER FOR ANY SUCH MOVEMENT. PRIME MINISTER WILSON HAD SENT STRONG MESSAGE TO CARAMANLIS SETTING FORTH REASONS WHY SUCH A STEP WOULD NOT BE WISE. I TOLD HIM, AS I HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID TO MAVROS, THAT US FULLY AGREED WITH BRITISH THAT INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS INTO CYPRUS WOULD BE MOST UNWISE AND UNFORTUNATE.

2. AVEROFF ADDED THAT IF GOG SHOULD DECIDE TO MOVE DIVISION, THERE IS NOW THE SOMEWHAT ROMANTIC THOUGHT OF MOVEMENT BY DAY WITH OUTSTANDING GREEK PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING AVEROFF, ON THE SHIPS. I AGAIN CAUTIONED THAT ANY SUCH IDEA UNWISE.  
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